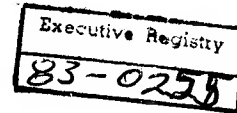


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Washington, D. C. 20505



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Dear [redacted]

Joe Holmes, Director of the White House TV, Film and Radio Services, recently contacted me concerning your request for CIA assistance in producing a positive motion picture on the Agency. Although I wholeheartedly applaud your patriotic motivation, I must regretfully decline your offer.

Over the years, CIA has had to turn down a number of motion picture and TV producers who have submitted similar laudable proposals. We have never been able to work out a satisfactory solution to our security concerns. We are unable to disclose genuine "stories" without endangering sources and methods. Security considerations would, moreover, prevent us from providing the suitable technical advice or location filming at CIA Headquarters necessary for authenticity.

I respect your desire to provide our young people with more positive, American heroes. However, one of the continuing paradoxes of our work in CIA is that our successes must go unheralded. I wish you all success in [redacted] and believe such a movie would be greatly appreciated by the majority of your viewers.

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Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

cc: [redacted]

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